GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:964
ANSWERED ON:28.11.2014
SUICIDES BY DEFENCE PERSONNEL
Birla Shri Om

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of suicides and killing of colleagues in the Armed Forces have come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents reported during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the Government has assessed the reasons for such incidents;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government to prevent such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 964 FOR ANSWER ON 28.11.2014

(a) & (b): Number of suicide and fratricide cases in Armed Forces during last three years and the current year is as under:

Year	Army		Air Force		Navy	
	No. of Suicide	No. of Fratricide	No. of Suicide	No of Fratricide	No. of Suicide	No. of Fratricide
2011	105	04	23	Nil	04	Nil
2012	95	01	15	Nil	01	Nil
2013	86	03	15	Nil	06	Nil
2014 (as on November 21, 2014)	76	02	23	01	Nil	Nil

(c) & (d): Reasons for such incidents include occupational hazards (long tenures of continuous deployment), family issues / domestic problems / martial discord, perceived grievances, personal issues, mental built, financial problems and inability to withstand stress.

(e) Government has taken various measures to prevent such incidents. Some of these measures include improvement in living and working conditions through provision of better infrastructure and facilities, additional family accommodation, liberalized leave policy, establishing a grievance redressal mechanism, provision of psychological counselling by psychological counsellors and conduct of yoga and meditation as part of unit routine.